individual entrepreneurs/farmers would be eligible for the promotional grant/ subsidy under the scheme.

The Scheme is location specific and project oriented, subject to techno-economic feasibility and costs as firmed up by financial institutions/banks and linked with promoters contribution. Moreover, the type of plantations/ activities vary with reference to site and agroclimatic conditions. The project is to be implemented in period ranging from 2.5 years and, therefore, no stage-wise investments and targets and time span can be fixed under this Scheme.

Steps to control misuse of JRY Funds

7386. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to control misuse of JRY funds;

(b) what changes are proposed in the present guidelines issued to State Governments to properly enforce implementation of JRY;

(c) whether State Governments have made any suggestions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is being implemented by the District Rural Development Agencies DRDAs/Zilla Parishads (ZPs) at the district level and by the Village Panchayats at the village level. The system of checks and balanes is built into the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) Guidelines so that JRY funds are properly utilised. The JRY resources released to the Gram Panchayats are to be kept in an exclusive and separate savings banks or post-office account which can be operated jointly by the Sarpanch and another persons nominated by Panchayat. Every drawal from the bank is required to be authorised in the meeting of the Gram Panchayat. The accounts of the DRDAs/ZPs/Gram Panchayats (GPs) are also subject to regular audit. Meetings of the Gram Panchayats are to be held every month on a fixed date and time, in which every member of village community can raise any issue regarding implementation of JRY. Instructions have been issued to the Gram Panchayats to appoint a Vigilance Committee for each village under its jurisdiction to oversee, supervise and monitor the implementation of works under the Yojana.

On the basis of the feedback received from the State Governments, the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment have also introduced a system of Area Officers during the years 1993 with a view to effectively monitor the various programmes of Rural Development including JRY. Under this scheme, senior officers at the level of Deputy Secretary and above have been allocated one or two State(s) each. They are required to visit the State(s) alloted to them and give a report on the implementation of rural development programmes including JRY. To give greater attention to the States with higher proportion of rural poor and unemployed, the Area Officers, Scheme has further been strengthened w.e.f. 1.1.1994, by including Officers from the Department of Programme Implementation, Department of Wastelands Development and the Planning Commission also in the various teams of Area Officers. The Government of India has also undertaken concurrent evaluation of JRY through independent institutions/organisations to assess its impact in the rural areas in relation to the specific objectives of the programme.

Family Credit Plan

7387. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the assessment of the 'Family Credit Plan'

(b) whether this scheme has been successful; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether monitoring of the scheme is being done, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any changes are proposed in the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) The Family Credit Plan under IRDP is a device to ensure higher investment and consequently higher incremental income through provision of assistance to more than one member of a beneficiary family. A pilot scheme was launched in 40 identified districts of the country during 1991-92. After evaluating/reviewing the performance of the scheme by NABARD and this Ministry, it was observed that the Pilot scheme has achieved its objectives in respect of higher investments and incremental incomes. In view of the success of the scheme, it has recently been extended to 216 districts of the country in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) & NABARD where NABARD's District Development Managers are in position. The actual implementation of the Family Credit Plan in most States has started from 1994-95.

Assessment of the Implementation of JRY

7388. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted a State to State assessment of the implementation of JRY works in 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States have not properly monitored and administered they JRY programme in 1993-94; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The Concurrent Evaluation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana was conducted in all the State/UTs from June, 1993 to May, 1994 by the Government of India to assess the implementation of JRY works.

(b) The analytical report is under process.

(c) and (d) The financial and physical progress under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is being monitored constantly through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from State Governments. The Physical and financial achievements by the States is given in statement (*see* below). The problems and hurdles, if any in the implementation of JRY are discussed in the meeting with the State Rural Development Secretaries and also in the workshop of project Directors of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). The State Level Coordination Committee (SLOC), for the Rural Development also monitor the progress of implementation of JRY. The States also draw a Schedule of inspection for every supervisory officer at the State/District/Block Level to review the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the programme. Under the areas officers scheme, Senior Officers from the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment alongwith the officers from other Ministries, visit the States, allotted to them and give feedback on the implementation of the programme.